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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

4 August 1951

SUBJECT: JIOA Coordination, Repatriation Program

1. On 2 August I called on Col. Daniel E. Ellis, Director of JIOA, and met Col. Benjamin W. Heckemeyer who has been designated Deputy Director, JIOA, and who will replace Col. Ellis as Director when he leaves on 25 August. Col. Heckemeyer was Executive Officer of G-2 WDGS under General Strong and General Bissell.

2. The question of coordination between Project 63 and the Repatriation Program was discussed. Project 63 is an expanded Paper-clip project by means of which German scientists are recruited to come to the United States, under voluntary military jurisdiction if necessary, to accept permanent employment on a six month renewable visa basis. Military personnel were sent to Germany several months ago to accelerate this recruitment. Col. Ellis stated that he had recommended complete coordination, particularly with Nordstrom and [ ] in advance of this Project, but his recommendations had been turned down by JCS. This lack of coordination resulted in considerable confusion in Germany. Col. Ellis stated, however, that this coordination has since been effected, and showed me a letter to him from Nordstrom dated approximately the middle of July indicating that he was satisfied with the present arrangement.

3. I explained the present proposal and plans for handling the Repatriation Program with which Col. Ellis was not familiar. It is evident that these two programs should be closely coordinated, and it is a possibility that JIOA might be of some assistance in the rehabilitation aspects of the Repatriation Program. I suggested that Col. Heckemeyer sit down with [ ] OO/C after his return from Germany, and discuss this whole situation in order to effect this coordination. This suggestion met with a cordial reception, and I will make appropriate arrangements upon [ ] return.

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